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THE CIVIC LEAGUE.

It is to be hoped that every man, woman and child in Columbus will evince enthusiastic and abiding interest in the Civic League recently organized here. This is a laudable undertaking on the part of the ladies, and in order to meet with success must have the co-operation and support of the people at large. Columbians have always been proud of the beauty of their city and of its cleanliness, both from moral and sanitary standpoints, but there is ever retrogression or advancement in all things, and it is the purpose of the ladies to bring about such an improvement in existing conditions that Columbus can be pointed to with pride as the model city of the land.

The ladies have started out in a determined manner, and all that is needed to insure the success of the movement is earnest and intelligent co-operation on the part of the people. If the housewife in every home throughout the city will only make conscientious and determined effort to keep her own premises neat and clean and will require the inmates of the household to do the same thing, the battle will be more than half won. This is a movement in which the little boys and girls can render as much aid as their fathers and mothers, for most of the trash that litters sidewalks and door yards is scattered there by the children, and the first step toward a model city is to have not only the places that meet the public gaze but the back yard and alleys scrupulously neat and clean.

There are one or two badly needed improvements that are apparent, and The Dispatch takes the liberty of mentioning these and suggesting to the ladies that they make an effort to have them installed. Two badly needed improvements are lights at the entrances to the city hall and courthouse. The entrances to both these buildings are each night shrouded in darkness, and people going up or down the steps leading inside are liable to fall. Both the county and city are amply able to maintain lights at these entrances, and the Civic League should insist that they be installed.

DRY IN SPITE OF VETO.

Neither the veto by Governor Patterson of the bill providing for State-wide prohibition in Tennessee, nor the passage of the measure by both branches of the legislature over the veto of the chief executive, was a surprise to the public. Every one familiar with Patterson's sentiments toward prohibition felt certain that he would veto the bill, and those familiar with the strength of the State-widers in both house and senate knew that it would be passed over his veto. Patterson is a Memphis man, and the strongest fight against prohibition has been made by the people of that city. Memphis not only has a large local trade, but ships large quantities of liquor to dry towns in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas, and it is universally agreed that prohibition will work more injury to the business interests of the city than to those of any other city in the State.

The senate passed the bill over the governor's veto by the original vote, which was twenty to thirteen. In the house there was a slight discrepancy in the vote, the original vote having been sixty-two to thirty-seven, while that on the veto was sixty-one to thirty-six, the majority in both instances having been the same.

Under the provisions of the bill prohibition goes into effect throughout the State on July 1st, next, but the saloonists and their friends will make an effort to secure the adoption of an amendment extending the time to January 1st, 1910. A movement with this end in view has already been inaugurated in Memphis, the City Club there having appointed a committee to take up the matter and make every possible effort to have the much desired amendment adopted.

Friends of Hon. J. C. Hardy, the able president of the A. and M. College at Starkville, who has been ill at a sanitarium in Jackson, will be glad to learn that he is improving. Prof. Hardy was in a critical condition when taken to Jackson, and had the operation which was performed been deferred forty-eight hours his illness would probably have had a fatal termination. He is now out of danger, however, and the attending physicians predict a speedy and permanent recovery.

Miss Alice Patton, a pretty white girl living in Meridian, and Lum Jack, a Chinaman who conducts a laundry in the same city, were married at Livingston, Ala., last Tuesday. The couple recently made an effort to have the matrimonial knot tied in Meridian, but the laws of Mississippi prohibit intermarriages between representatives of the Caucasian and Mongolian races, and the ill-mated pair went over into Alabama, where the laws on the subject are less stringent.

The fallacy of placing negroes in positions of trust has again been demonstrated in the case of P. A. Wardlaw, cashier of the American Trust and Savings Bank, a negro financial institution at Jackson, who is short in his accounts about \$6000. Wardlaw was formerly principal of the public school for negroes at Water Valley, and was charged with stealing and selling examination papers sent out by the State superintendent of education. He was acquitted on the charge, and went to Jackson, where he obtained a position as cashier of the negro bank, and proceeded to rob the institution.

Order Books.

We have on sale, for the convenience of the plantation managers, farmers, and general purposes, an order book, of convenient size, with a stub for record, which saves a world of writing and keeps you protected with a complete record. For instance, when a farmer wants to give an order upon any store in the city, this little book saves him nearly all of the writing necessary, and at the same time guarantees the genuineness of the order and keeps a record of it. Call at this office for prices.

Internal Revenue Licenses.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 22, 1909. This is to certify that the list below is a true and correct copy of the records of this office as to special tax stamps issued in Lowndes county, Mississippi, from July 1, 1908, to date: Aerie of Eagles, Columbus, Miss., retail dealer liquors, six mos., January 1st, 1909, to June 30, 1909. W. E. Hooker, Dept. Col. W. D. Prowell, Sheriff and Tax Collector. 1-24-4w

Bids for Rental of Theater.

The directors of the Columbus Theater will receive bids and proposals for renting the Columbus Theater on Monday, February 1st, for the season of 1909 and 1910. The company reserves the right to reject any or all bids. feb 1 Columbus Theater Co.

The New Haven Here.

The steamer New Haven arrived here yesterday, having brought a good cargo from Vienna and other points down the river. The principal articles composing the cargo were cotton and cottonseed, the boat having brought 155 bales of cotton and 450 sacks of cottonseed.

City Tax Notice.

Taxes are now due and will be delinquent after February 1st, next. Come forward and settle and save trouble and expense.

M. C. Vandiver,
City Marshal.

January 7, 1909.

Mrs. Myrtis Platt has been spending the past few days in the city as the guest of Mrs. A. H. Propst at her home on South Sixth street. Mrs. Platt formerly resided in Tampa, Fla., but is now en route to Birmingham, which city will be her future home.

Miss Jessie Richardson, of Fayette, Ala., has been spending the past few days in the city as the guest of Miss Pauline Propst at her home on South Sixth street.

Headquarters for high-grade toilet articles. Hudnutt's, Roger & Gallett's, Farina's and other famous brands always in stock. Mayo Drug Co. 24-3t

Mrs. P. R. Farabee left Thursday for Memphis, where she goes on a few weeks' visit to friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. McCrary are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy at their home in South Columbus.

Mr. F. C. Carothers of West Point was in the city last Wednesday on business.

STREET SPRINKLING

The following is the special message of Mayor Donnell to the city council, suggesting a plan for the city to do the work of sprinkling the streets. Sentiment in favor of public sprinkling is growing, and the council, it is expected, will soon carry the plan into operation:

Columbus, Miss., Jan. 20, 1909.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen:—My plans may be premature and my suggestions not meet with your approval; nevertheless, I wish to call your attention to what seems to me a very important matter and ask that you take some action looking to a more thorough and better system of street sprinkling.

This evil, I think, and past experiences, should convince you can only be remedied by adopting some other plan, and I believe the most feasible to be by taxation and under municipal control.

Briefly stated, my plans and suggestions are as follows, though I will gladly accept any other or better plan that may be offered, as it is results wanted and not the pet hobby of any individual:

That our present mode of sprinkling is very unsatisfactory all must admit, and I dare say the present contractor as well. You have ample authority under the law, and I would recommend that the entire business portion of town and so much of the residential portion as you may elect be placed in a taxing district and a tax or fee of, say, fifty cents, based on a frontage of eighty feet or less, be a monthly charge against the abutting property, and all over eighty feet front a proportionate amount, except business houses.

As stores reap a more direct benefit from sprinkling, I would suggest a monthly flat rate of one dollar for each store; the same to be taxed against the property and collected quarterly in advance, and used only for street sprinkling purposes.

Taken as a whole, I am quite sure from investigations I have made the cost would fall lighter on all and greater satisfaction guaranteed.

To this or any other plan you of course may expect objections. The property holder might say that he would reap no benefit from sprinkling for his tenant. This I admit to some extent, but if unable to arrange with the occupant of his store or residence to pay this amount, has he not his recourse by adding to his monthly rental this small amount? I think so, and feel that a large majority would be glad of the opportunity.

Those residing beyond the limits of the taxing district could have no cause of complaint, because no expense would attach to them. From time to time the sprinkling district could be extended as the demand may require.

I have given considerable thought to this matter and feel that something should be done to relieve the situation, and no other or more feasible solution of the dust problem presents itself to me as satisfactory. To rid our streets of the stifling dust during the hot summer months strikes me should appeal to the good sense of all citizens at most any cost.

If the diagnosis of the medical profession is to be relied upon, that dust is a menace to health and the principal cause of some of our most dreaded and deadly diseases, then let us suppress it at all hazards, and I believe the people will sustain you. Let us take the matter in hand, enact the necessary laws, and see to its enforcement. Let the burden, if such it may be termed, rest equally upon all. If nothing more is accomplished, certain it is we will all be more comfortable. It has been fully demonstrated to my mind that nothing can or ever will be accomplished in the old way; some will pay and some will not, thereby of necessity insuring very unsatisfactory service.

Now, as to the cost of installing the necessary outfit and expense of operating the same, I submit below the following figures:

Three sprinkling wagons.....	\$1,000.00
Six horses or mules.....	1,400.00
Three sets of harness.....	150.00
Incidentals.....	200.00

Total cost.....	\$2,750.00
Feeding six horses, month.....	\$ 75.00
Three drivers, \$1.00 day.....	90.00
Other expenses, per month.....	35.00

Total monthly expenses.....	\$200.00
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Thus it will be seen from the above estimate, based on figures now in my possession, the first cost would be about \$2,750.00, and the operating expenses not more than \$200.00 per month, or eighteen hundred dollars per year, should nine months of the year be required for sprinkling.

This department should be under the supervision of the street commissioner, and during the winter months or days, when sprinkling is not necessary, the teams and hands could be profitably used on the streets.

Should you find later on, after being reimbursed for the original cost of the outfit and operating expenses and a reasonable per cent. to cover wear and tear, that the individual charges as fixed are excessive, the same should be reduced, as you only wish to make this department self-sustaining and not a source of revenue, simply the cost of maintenance.

That you may form some idea as to the revenue you might expect, and the probable cost to the property holder, provided the charges named are adopted, we will take, for example, Main street from Third street to Twelfth (Southern depot): There are on both sides of said street fifty-five stores or places of business, at one dollar each; from Seventh to Twelfth street, or depot, fourteen blocks or squares, counting both sides. The cost would be approximately two dollars per block. The cost, then, of sprinkling this street as named, in the aggregate would be eighty-three dollars per month. Corner property at crossings, when cross streets are sprinkled, of course would have to pay for each street.

Should you think unfavorably of this recommendation, I would suggest that you refer the matter to the proper committee for investigation, and that action be taken as early as possible, as we only have two or three months more in which to make the necessary arrangements before the dust season opens.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. Donnell, Mayor.

Lodge Lore.

Resolution of Respect.

Another tree has fallen, and Sovereign C. M. Barnett has been removed from the walks of life and now holds membership with the numerous sovereigns in the great beyond.

Therefore be it resolved by Queen City Camp No. 23, first, That in the death of Sovereign Barnett Queen City Camp has lost an influential and prominent member; second, that this camp extend to his bereaved loved ones our deepest sympathy; third, that a page be set aside in our minutes in memory of our deceased brother, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family and printed in the local papers.

J. W. Lipscomb.
J. J. Richards.
V. M. Higgins.

Officers Installed.

With Past Chancellor Commander D. P. Davis officiating as installing officer, the following recently elected officers of Tombigbee Lodge No. 12, Knights of Pythias, were formally installed last Tuesday night: W. A. Suber, chancellor commander; Harry Roberts, vice-chancellor; W. A. Hewitt, prelate; J. T. Baxter, master of work; R. R. Speirs, master of arms; D. L. Bailey, keeper of records and seals; J. J. Richards, master of finance; H. P. Sherrod, master of exchequer; W. M. Cox, inner guard; W. H. Duncan, outer guard. After the ceremonies incidental to the installation of the newly elected officers were concluded the rank of page was conferred upon Mr. Sam Driver.

At the regular meeting of the local tent of Maccabees which was held last Wednesday, Messrs. S. L. McCas, J. L. Lavendar and B. H. Smith were initiated into the mysteries of the order. At the conclusion of the meeting the members repaired to Geraud's cafe on South Market street, where they enjoyed an oyster supper.

Mr. C. A. Eubanks has returned from Reform, where he went for the arrangement for the preliminary work for the institution of a tent of the Maccabees at that place.

Announcement—The Handicraft Shop Millinery.

Mrs. McGeorge is pleased to announce that she will have associated with her, after Monday, Miss Lula Loftis, who will be glad to welcome her old friends and to make new ones. They will make a specialty of remodeling old hats, making them new. See their neckwear, stamping, new patterns for shirt waists, underwear, etc. The hair dressing department does shampooing, massaging by electricity, making the old feel young and the homely beautiful. Telephone 730. Stone Hotel building. 1-17-1m

Misses Annie Pressley and Sadie Lou Vaughan of the Woodlawn neighborhood were in the city the past week shopping.

Mr. H. Franks, one of the most prominent merchants of Fayette, was in the city the past week.

REAL LITERARY LABOR.

Example of Charles Dudley Warner's Infinite Pains-taking.

The extraordinary pains and patience with which Charles Dudley Warner did his literary work are shown in an account given by a writer in the New Amstel magazine of the strenuous way in which Mr. Warner produced an obituary notice some years ago.

Professor Edward L. Youmans was a close personal friend of Mr. Warner, and on that account when Mrs. Youmans died the editor of a daily paper asked Mr. Warner to write a sort of personal appreciation of her. This he consented to do.

He was left alone from 10 a. m. until half past 12, when he went to lunch. Returning at 2 o'clock, he worked without interruption until 4 o'clock when he turned over to the editor what he had written.

Yet the work was not complete. Mr. Warner read the first proof and in succession three revised sheets.

Each time he made change after change in phraseology, seeking out the one right word, while even in the ninety of paragraphing he seemed to make clearer what he desired to express. Nor did the close revision end with the marking of the last proof.

After the paper had gone to press and the first sheets had been brought up to the composing room for an O. K. Mr. Warner looked wistfully at the editor and observed:

"Would you object to lifting the form? I see a sentence in the last paragraph that might be somewhat changed. She was too good, you know, to have a slovenly tribute paid to her."

Even the printers refused to get angry over the delay, and forthwith the form was sent up and changes went on for an hour. At last, though publication was delayed fully two hours, the editor, but not Mr. Warner, had the supreme satisfaction of knowing that the work was as nearly perfect as human art could make it, and the edition was sent out.

FIRST NIGHTS.

The Way They Affected Some Famous French Playwrights.

The first night with authors is viewed with different feelings. This is how it affected some famous French playwrights. Sardou's nervousness was well known. Dumas fils was never able to preserve his sangfroid. As soon as the curtain rose Dumas pere would betake himself to a restaurant and dine from as many courses as his new piece had acts. His son reported on the success of the piece. At the first representation of "Toussaint Louverture" Lamartine found his work so tedious that he went to a cafe and read the papers. Balzac when he produced "Resources de Quinola" spent the day in selling tickets at a rate higher than at the box office and reaped a fine return.

Paul de Kock, seated in the orchestra, we also read, protested against his piece and made so much noise that his neighbors demanded silence. Casimir Delavigne remained at home. Alexandre Soumet went to be shaved when "Jeanne d'Arc" was produced. The barber had finished one cheek when the author cried: "Stop! Here are 30 sous. Go round to the theater and see if they hiss or applaud the piece." The barber returned, saying: "It is a success, monsieur. They applaud." "Since it is a success," replied the author, "shave the other." Scribe appeared in the best of spirits and encouraged the actors, but at the end he became nervous and tore his handkerchief with his teeth. Rossini walked about the back of the stage with his cane in his hand. Auber was never present on the first night of his works, and Bayard on reaching the stage is reported to have said that he experienced sudden illness.—New York Mail.

Smoothed the Sea.

A gentleman aboard a steamer running between Southport and Blackpool approached one of the sailors during the passage and remarked to him:

"We have a very smooth sea this morning. It is like a sheet of glass. You don't always have it like this?" "No, sir," was the answer, "but, you see, they knowed as how you were coming today, so the authorities at Southport telephoned to the corporation at Blackpool, and they at once ordered out the steam roller and rolled the sea down for the occasion. That is why it is so smooth."—London Tit-Bits.

Saved by a Puncture.

"I am a swift runner," said the man who was telling a snake story, "and as I fled down the mountain I outdistanced the huge python that was so relentlessly pursuing me. But these creatures are cunning. To twist itself into the shape of a cart wheel was the work of a moment, and now the python had gained. Faster and faster it rolled down the steep incline. Then, bang! The serpent had struck a sharp, jagged rock and punctured. I was safe."—London Globe.

A Large Toast.

A prominent man, unexpectedly invited to an entertainment, found himself called on for toasts among others. He was unprepared; but, being a quick thinker, he arose and said, "I toast to the toast that was toasted by the toaster who had toasted all the toasts that were ever toasted by a toaster."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Thankfulness.

"Thankfulness," said Uncle Eben, "ain't nuffin' but the common sense needful to recognize some of de good things dis world is chock full of."—Washington Star.

CLASSIFIED Advertisements

Money to Lend.
Apply to William Baldwin, attorney, city. 12-8-4t

For Rent.
The Hardy homestead on the Highlands. Apply to T. W. Hardy. 28-4t

Thirty Acres for Sale.
One mile of the courthouse. Price \$1000.00. Quick. Maer Realty Company. 1t

Girl Wanted.
Young girl to work in printing office. Must have some education. Apply at this office. 1t

For Rent.
Three rooms, \$10.00 per month or \$9.00 paid in advance. Apply 104 South Fifth avenue. 1-24-4t

Hay for Sale.
Four hundred bales of hay, by the bale, 50c a hundred. Apply to L. L. Willford, Columbus, Miss. R. F. D. No. 5. 1-10-1m

Farm for Rent.
One hundred and forty acres, seven miles from Columbus, on the Aberdeen road. Apply to Maer Realty Company. 1t

Milk Cows for Sale.
Several nice young cows, fresh in milk, with first calf. For further information call on or address W. P. Smith, Penn. Miss. 1-12-1m

Horse for Sale.
Good harness horse, safe and gentle, for sale. Seven years old. Sorrel in color. Apply to J. T. Mordcaul, No. 1512 Fifth ave. south. 1-10-1m

House for Rent.
Right in the business center, five rooms and all conveniences. Possession at once. Price \$25.00 a month, and will be rented for a year. Apply to Maer Realty Company. 1t

Rooms for Rent.
Two or three unfurnished rooms for rent. Close in. Apply to No. 326 South Ninth street, or phone No. 214. Reference required. 1-6-4t

Lost.
A red Irish setter, female; one front foot white. Strayed from my home last week. Liberal reward will be paid for her return or for information leading to recovery. W. A. Stepp. 1-3-4t

Wanted to Purchase.
Highest cash price paid for old-style jewelry. Report on all shipments same day received. Reference. First State Bank. J. M. O'Hara & Company, 65 Madison street, Memphis, Tenn. 1-17-1m

House For Rent.
The Goodwin home in Ward No. 1. Possession will be given at once, and the present lease runs until next September. Price, \$25.00 per month. Inquire for further information to Maer Realty Company.

For Sale Cheap.
One hundred and thirty acre farm ten miles from Columbus, just in the edge of Pickens county. Will be sold for \$1050, if taken at once. Write Maer Realty Company for further particulars. 1t

Farm for Sale.
We have 128 acres near the Nashville ferry, rented for this year for \$100, which we can sell for a quick sale for \$850. Forty-five acres are cleared. Owner is willing to pay to purchaser rent for this year out of sale price. Here is an opportunity. Write Maer Realty Company. 1t

For Sale.
We have an Acme stapler, overhauled and rebuilt by the factory, which we will sell for half price. Never been used since coming from factory. Only reason for selling, we have installed larger and faster machine. For full particulars write to this office. 1t

Three Good Small Farms.
One hundred and sixty acres, five miles from Columbus.
Sixty acres, five miles from Columbus.
Sixty acres, five miles from Columbus.
Good, red, clay land, well located. Churches, schools, R. F. D., and good roads. Write Maer Realty Co. 1t

Mr. George Myers, a prosperous farmer of the Caledonia neighborhood, was in the city the past week on business.

Mr. B. Kossum is receiving the congratulations of his friends upon the arrival of a fine boy at his home.